# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

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Development of Heritage Sites as Tourist Spots
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government contemplates to preserve the mythological heritage of the country and convert them into tourist spots;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the details of the allocated funds for the maintenance, beautification and development of all the tourist places in Jharkhand and Bihar by the Government?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
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(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has launched two schemes in 2014-15 viz. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD- Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.

Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development including Spiritual Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Krishna Circuit and Ramayana Circuit. Under PRASAD scheme, 25 sites of religious significance have been identified for development including Gaya and Patna in Bihar and Deoghar in Jharkhand.

Under the Schemes, the projects for development are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations. Maintenance of infrastructure projects sanctioned under these schemes is responsibility of the respective State Governments/UT Administrations. No project has been sanctioned under these schemes in Jharkhand. The details of projects sanctioned in Bihar are as under:
<pre> (Rs. in crore)
Sl. No. Name of the Project Amount sanctioned
Under Swadesh Darshan Scheme:
1. Development of Jain Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri as Spiritual Circuit in Bihar. 52.39

2. Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj − Dharmshala- Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar. 52.35

3. Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Cultural Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar 98.73
4. Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa -Chandrahia - Turkaulia in Bihar under Rural Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme. 44.65
Under PRASAD Scheme:
1. Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar 4.27
2. Development at Patna Sahib 41.54
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